

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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**EXPANSION OF THE TERRITORY OF THE FRIO HOSPITAL  
DISTRICT AND TO THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT**

**CHAPTER 623**

H.B. No. 4279

**AN ACT**

**relating to expansion of the territory of the Frio Hospital District and to the election of the board of directors of the district.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 1030.004, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1030.004. DISTRICT TERRITORY. *Unless the district's boundaries are expanded under Subchapter H, the* [The] boundaries of the district are coextensive with the boundaries of Frio County, Texas, except that a portion of the southern boundary follows the boundary of the Frio River beginning at the intersection of the south county line and the Frio River to the point at which the boundary intersects the Leona River and follows the Leona River to the west county line.

SECTION 2. Sections 1030.051(a) and (b), Special District Local Laws Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) *Unless the district's boundaries are expanded under Subchapter H, the* [The] district is governed by a board of seven directors.

(b) *Unless the district's boundaries are expanded under Subchapter H:*

(1) *two* [Two] directors are elected from each commissioners precinct and one director is elected from the district at large; and

(2) *the* [-The] portion of Precinct 4 that is in the district is combined with Precinct 1 to represent one precinct.

SECTION 3. Section 1030.052, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1030.052. NOTICE OF ELECTION. *Notice* [At least 35 days before the date] of an election of directors [-notice of the election] shall be published in accordance with Section 4.003, Election Code [one time in a newspaper with general circulation in the district].

SECTION 4. Section 1030.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1030.053. BALLOT APPLICATION [PETITION]. A person who wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for director must file with the board secretary an application in accordance with Chapter 144, Election Code [a petition requesting that action. The petition must:

(1) be signed by at least 10 registered voters of the district as determined by the most recent official list of registered voters;

~~[(2) be filed not later than the 31st day before the date of the election; and~~

~~[(3) specify the commissioners precinct the candidate wants to represent or specify that the candidate wants to represent the district at large].~~

SECTION 5. Chapter 1030, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

**SUBCHAPTER H. EXPANSION OF TERRITORY TO INCLUDE ALL OF FRIO COUNTY**

*Sec. 1030.351. PETITION TO EXPAND DISTRICT TERRITORY. (a) Registered voters of a defined territory composed of all territory within Frio County that does not include the territory of the district may file a petition with the board secretary requesting inclusion of the territory in the district.*

*(b) The petition must be signed by at least 50 registered voters of the territory or a majority of those voters, whichever is less.*

*Sec. 1030.352. NOTICE OF HEARING. (a) The board by order shall set a time and place to hold a hearing on the petition described by Section 1030.351.*

*(b) The hearing may not be held earlier than the 31st day after the date the board issues the order.*

*Sec. 1030.353. ORDER OF ANNEXATION. (a) If, after the hearing, the board finds that annexation of the territory into the district would be feasible and would benefit the district, the board may approve the annexation by a resolution entered in its minutes.*

*(b) The board is not required to include all of the territory described in the petition if the board finds that a change is necessary or desirable.*

*Sec. 1030.354. RATIFICATION ELECTION. (a) Annexation of territory is final when approved by a majority of the voters at:*

*(1) an election held in the district; and*

*(2) a separate election held on the same date in the territory to be annexed.*

*(b) If the district has outstanding debts or taxes, the voters in the elections to approve annexation must also determine whether the annexed territory will assume its portion of the debts or taxes on annexation.*

*Sec. 1030.355. BALLOT. The ballot for the elections shall be printed to permit voting for or against the following, as applicable:*

*(1) "Adding (description of territory to be added) to the Frio Hospital District."*

*(2) "(Description of territory to be added) assuming its proportionate share of the outstanding debts and taxes of the Frio Hospital District, if it is added to the district."*

*Sec. 1030.356. ANNEXATION ELECTION. (a) An election held under this subchapter to annex territory must be ordered in accordance with Chapter 3, Election Code.*

*(b) Notice of an election held under this subchapter to annex territory must be given as provided by Chapter 4, Election Code.*

*Sec. 1030.357. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF BOARD FOLLOWING ANNEXATION. (a) If annexation is approved, the board shall be governed by a board of nine directors with two directors elected from each commissioners precinct and one director elected at large.*

*(b) At the next regularly scheduled board meeting following the canvassing of the election to expand the district's territory, the board shall appoint two individuals who meet the qualifications under Section 1030.054 to serve as temporary directors representing Precinct 4 until the date of the next regular election of directors.*

*(c) On the date of the next regular election following the approval of annexation, in addition to the directors scheduled to be elected at that election, two directors shall be elected from Precinct 4.*

*(d) The two initial directors elected from Precinct 4 shall draw lots to determine which director shall serve a one-year term.*

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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**CONVERSION OF THE GRAND NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL  
UTILITY DISTRICT TO THE GRAND NORTHWEST  
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING  
AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO  
IMPOSE ASSESSMENTS, FEES, OR TAXES**

**CHAPTER 624**

H.B. No. 4283

**AN ACT**

relating to the conversion of the Grand Northwest Municipal Utility District to the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, or taxes.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. The Grand Northwest Municipal Utility District is converted to the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District and is governed by Chapter 3949, Special District Local Laws Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 2. Subtitle C, Title 4, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended by adding Chapter 3949 to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 3949. GRAND NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Sec. 3949.001. DEFINITIONS.** *In this chapter:*

- (1) "Board" means the district's board of directors.
- (2) "County" means Harris County.
- (3) "Director" means a board member.
- (4) "District" means the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District, formerly the Grand Northwest Municipal Utility District.

**Sec. 3949.002. NATURE OF DISTRICT; CONVERSION.** *The Grand Northwest Municipal Management District is a special district created under Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, as the Grand Northwest Municipal Utility District. The district is converted to a municipal management district known as the Grand Northwest Municipal Management District under the same constitutional authority.*

**Sec. 3949.003. PURPOSE; DECLARATION OF INTENT.** (a) *The conversion and operation of the district are essential to accomplish the purposes of Sections 52 and 52-a, Article III, and Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and other public purposes stated in this chapter. By converting the district to a municipal management district and in authorizing the county and other political subdivisions to contract with the district, the legislature has established a program to accomplish the public purposes set out in Section 52-a, Article III, Texas Constitution.*

(b) *The conversion and operation of the district are necessary to promote, develop,*